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Northern Va. Region
Dept. of Env. Quality

Dear Air Board-

Environmental issues in Alexandria are of great concern to me. I am a surgeon, and have grown up in this city. I am very aware of the long standing controversy with the Potomac River Generating Station. No one wants harm to the water or to the air quality. Yet, no one wants to be without power either.

The ongoing litigations for this longstanding debate have cost the City, also known as the taxpayers, over 3 million dollars. Now, the owners of the plant, Mirant, have offered to pay for an entire retrofit that will cost them 30 million dollars, to bring complete closure to any question of their compliance with environmental safety standards. This will allow the plant a viable opportunity to remain in use, and will allow the residents of Alexandria peace of mind, knowing that they have ample resources flowing through the power grid.

My wife and I row, as a sport and a hobby, and we do this often on the Potomac River, passing the power plant regularly. We often wonder what is really happening to our air quality as we see the sight. It will be soon be refreshing to just row on by, and enjoy our day. This will only happen if you allow Mirant to continue with their stack merge project. Your cooperation in allowing this to happen is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Kelleher